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SUBJECT: CANNABIS/LEBANON

SUB: III

1. ON THE EVENING OF MAY 13, 1975, AT BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LEBANESE CUSTOMS ARRESTED GABON AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT BENJAMIN MBAGANGOYE IN POSSESSION OF 30 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH AND 7 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM.

2. THE AMBASSADOR WAS PREPARING TO TRAVEL FROM BEIRUT TO CAIRO ON MEA FLIGHT 306. HE SAID HE WAS GIVEN THE SUITCASE, CONTAINING THE CONTRABAND, BY AN EGYPTIAN, VAHRAM HAGOP YAZARDGIAN, WHO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED.

3. WHEN YAZARDGIAN WAS ASKED WHAT CONNECTION HE HAD WITH THE AMBASSADOR, HE REPLIED THE AMBASSADOR IS HIS WIFE'S PARAMOUR.

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